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CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED P 359 135 408

Thomas & Betts Company
9982 East 58th Street South
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74146

ATTN: Mr. Charles D. Ochinegro, Plant Manager

RE: Preliminary Assessment
Thomas & Betts Company
Tulsa Oklahoma 74146
~~CERCLIS# OKD070038823~~

Dear Mr. Ochinegro:

The purpose of this letter is to request you to voluntarily permit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and its officers, employees or representatives, authorized by EPA, including but not limited to M.K. Environmental Services (MK) and its subcontractor ICF Technology, Inc. (ICF) (EPA Contract Number 68-W9-0025) access to the above referenced property located at 9932 East 58th Street South, Tulsa, Oklahoma, so that EPA can enforce the provisions of the Comprehensive Environmental Responsibility Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 9601 *et seq.*, copy pertinent documents or records, inspect the site, and obtain samples of any suspected hazardous substance or pollutant or contaminant found on site. A description of the property or a map identifying the site for which access is required is attached.

Specifically, MK/ICF has been requested by the EPA, Region 6 to conduct a Preliminary Assessment of Thomas & Betts Company to further assess the degree of risk to the public health, welfare, and environment related to hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants that may be present at the site. Based on preliminary file information, EPA finds it necessary to perform this Preliminary Assessment at your site pursuant to 40 CFR 300.400 Subpart E.

Section 104(e) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9604(e), explicitly grants EPA the authority to enter a property at reasonable times to inspect and obtain samples from any location of any suspected hazardous substance or pollutant or contaminant. Further, the cited section authorizes EPA to require any person who has or may have information relating to any of the following to furnish information or documents relating to:

1. The identification, nature and quantity of materials which have been or are generated, treated, stored, or disposed of at vessel or facility, or transported to a vessel or facility;

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2. The nature or extent of a release of a hazardous substance, or pollutant, or contaminant at or from a vessel or facility;
3. Information relating to the ability of a person to pay for or perform a cleanup.

It is EPA policy to seek voluntary cooperation from the public when possible. Consequently, EPA is making this request for access to the property and records mentioned above. EPA hopes that you will voluntarily comply by signing, dating and returning the enclosed Consent for Access to Property, to the address indicated below within seven days of your receipt of this letter. Please mail it to:

Stacey Bennett
Superfund Site Assessment
Hazardous Waste Section (6E-SH)
USEPA Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, Texas 75202-2733

If EPA does not receive the enclosed consent for access to the property, signed and dated by you, EPA will treat your failure to respond as a denial of access. Please note that EPA will not agree to conditions which will restrict or impede the manner or extent of an inspection or response action, impose indemnity or compensatory obligations on EPA, or operate as a release of liability. Should you impose conditions of this nature in the consent for access to the property, EPA will treat this as a denial of consent.

Failure to grant EPA access may result in the issuance of an order directing compliance with EPA's request for access. Failure to comply with such an order may result in a civil action in United States District Court to enjoin compliance with the order. EPA may seek the assessment of a civil penalty not to exceed \$25,000 per day of noncompliance with the order.

You may assert a business confidentiality claim covering part of the information you submit in response to this request. Any such claim must be made by placing on (or attaching to) the information, at the time it is submitted to EPA, a cover sheet or a stamped or typed legend or other suitable form of notice employing language such as "trade secret," "proprietary," or "company confidential." Confidential portions of otherwise nonconfidential documents should be clearly identified and may be submitted separately to facilitate identification and handling by EPA. If you make such claim, the information by that claim will be disclosed by EPA only to the extent, and by the means of the procedures, set forth in Subpart B of 40 CFR Part 2. If no such claim accompanies the information when it is received by EPA, it may be made available to the public without further notice to you. The requirements of 40 CFR Part 2 regarding business confidentiality claims were published in the Federal Register on September 1, 1976, and amended on September 8, 1978, and December 18, 1985.

As part of the information gathering process, the collection of samples from your site may become necessary. This collection process may generate investigation derived wastes (IDWs) such as equipment, rinsate water, or disposable personal protective clothing. MK/ICF will

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manage these IDWs in the most responsible manner consistent with EPA policy regarding these wastes, which is to leave site conditions essentially unchanged, such as to return soil cuttings to the location from which they were taken or proper to dispose of the IDWs.

Field inspection activities are tentatively planned for October 13, 1993. You will be given at least two (2) weeks notice prior to the site visit. Greg Hoffmann of ICF will be contacting you to verify the exact dates of this visit. During the visit you will be provided with a receipt describing any samples obtained and, if you so request, you will be given a portion of each sample. There will be no charge for the samples EPA provides you. If you would like a portion of each sample, please put a check mark in the space provided in the enclosed consent for access to property. If you do not wish to be provided with a portion of each sample, please put a check mark in the alternative space. If you do not mark any space, EPA will treat your failure to respond as your statement that you do not wish to be provided with a portion of each sample.

You can obtain a copy of the resulting inspection report and analytical data by writing to Ed Sierra, Chief, Superfund Site Assessment Section (6H-MA), EPA Region 6 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733.

In future inquiries, please indicate your site's EPA I.D. Number and name as listed, to ensure prompt processing. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (214) 655-8374.

Sincerely,

for 

Stacey Bennett
Superfund Site Assessment
EPA Region 6

cc: Oklahoma Department of Health

bcc: B. Williamson (6H-M)
R. Meacham (6X)
V. McFarland (6H-M)
P. Charles (6X)
B. Greenfield (6C-W)